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DATE: November 5, 2018

TO: Iron Horse Corridor Advisory Committee

FROM: Carl J. Roner, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Record of November 5, 2018 Meeting

The following is a record of the Iron Horse Corridor (IHC) Advisory Committee meeting on November 5,, 2018.

Members present: Dan Cunning, Lesley Hunt, Harry Sachs, Stewart Proctor, Shanna Holden, Andrew Bryant, Ann Struthers

Staff present: Carl J. Roner, County Public Works Department, Jamar Stamps, County Department of Conservation and Development.

1. Open the meeting

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment (Items not listed on the agenda)

None.

3. Approval of August 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Cunning, Hunt, Sachs, Proctor, Holden, and Bryant

NOES: None ABSENT: Mackay ABSTAIN: Struthers

4. Review IHC Trust Fund Fiscal Year Report

Staff provided the Committee with Trust Fund revenue and expenditures. Funding has remained stable, with an increase of \$684,253 over the previous quarter. Almost all of this increase came from Level 3 Communications' payment of their annual license fees. The accounting report was approved and accepted by the Committee.

5. Reports from Committee Members and Staff

Staff provided the current list of IHC projects and their status.

a. <u>Active Transportation Study</u> Jamar Stamps of DCD gave a presentation on the Active Transportation Study (ATS) that is being conducted in the corridor. One of the main focuses of the study was looking at greater mode separation in the corridor (separating fast bikes from strollers), creating a bicycle superhighway. This idea came from Supervisor Anderson's Office as

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a means for accommodating both recreational and commuting use. The study was funded for \$350,000 and is 18 months long.

The kickoff was in the last week of October and attendees included cities, Bike East Bay, 510 Contra Costa and other stakeholders. The ATS team has begun conducting various public engagement activities and was working toward more detailed planning and forming alternatives. The study will look at where the highest intensity of use occurs and what are the constraints. Currently 38% of the users are bicyclists, 37% are walkers, 12% joggers and 12% other.

Andrew Bryant noted that he advocates for seniors, and that seniors should be considered as stakeholders as well. Harry Sachs talked about leveraging existing funds to obtain additional funding. There was a strong desire among the Committee members to have a unified vision for the IHC. The Committee would like further updates as they become available.

- b. <u>E-Bike Pilot Program</u> Dan Cunning followed up on previous discussions regarding the E-Bike Pilot Program. Dan provided a program summary handout, which is attached. Some of the program's findings were:
 - Most E-Bike users were early retirees. Using E-Bikes allowed them to go farther.
 - All conflicts are between bikes and pedestrians. There is no difference between bikes and E-Bikes.
 - E-Bikes are required to follow the 15 mph speed limit just like bikes.
 - The Sierra Club will not support dirt trail use of E-Bikes.
 - Bike etiquette is important.
 - There needs to be a consistency of rules on trails in different communities.
 - Overall, E-Bikes were having less significant of an impact than expected. It's better to embrace the trend.

Next steps: EBRPD is planning on allowing the use of E-Bikes on three trails and recommending four more. Decision will be by the EBRPD Board of Directors.

- c. <u>Bollinger Canyon Bridge</u> San Ramon staff met with staff that manage the BILD grant. The grant is all about overcrossings. San Ramon plans to fast track the review process.
- d. This was Harry Sachs' last meeting. San Ramon will be contacting staff about a new committee member.

6. Consider agenda topics and date for next meeting

The next meeting date will be Monday, February 4, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. at Walnut Creek City Hall, . Suggested agenda topics:

- Updates on the Bollinger Canyon Overcrossing design
- E-Bike Study
- Active Transportation Corridor

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

CJR:

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